HOUSE BILL 3379

By Keisling

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 5 and Title 55, Chapter 7, Part 1, relative to the hauling of litter.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-507(a), is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Notwithstanding subdivision (a)(1), any county may adopt, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its legislative body, a resolution to limit the commercial or for-hire hauling of litter or any material likely to fall or be blown off onto the highway to vehicles specially designed and manufactured for hauling such litter or material.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-7-109, is amended in subsection (a) by deleting the first sentence in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Except as provided in §39-14-507(a), any truck, or other motor vehicle, with an open bed, that is operated on any highway, road, or street open for public use in this state, shall be loaded so that any loose material transported in truck or other motor vehicle remains at least four inches (4") below the walls of the open bed, measured at the front, back and sidewalls; but the load may be piled higher in the center of the open bed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.